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Memorandum of A. C. Studer, Jr.

We had a conference with Ellis Parker on Friday, October 22nd, 1926. He discussed among other things, the following. He said that some time after the murders, James Mills had a talk with Mrs. Gibson, he thinks in February, 1923. From what James Mills told him, there were eight letters in his wife's coat pocket the night before the murders and around the bodies nine letters were found, these being letters from Mrs. Mills to Mr. Hall. The diary which Mr. Hall kept while he was in Maine during the summer of 1922 was found in the Mills house, weeks afterwards, under the carpet. At one time Mrs. Gibson told Parker that on the night of September 14th she had seen the heads of two persons and a skulking small man, that she heard shots and the male ran. She also said to Parker, "I believe you know who did this, Mr. Parker, and if you want me to help you I will". At or about that time, she also told Parker that she had received \$750. from three different newspapers for her stories. James Mills himself sought out Ellis Parker in an effort to get him to work on the case and he made a statement to Parker which was taken down stenographically, a copy of which we have.

Mr. McCarter, Mr. Pfeiffer and I were present when Parker talked.